SHRI M. M. JACOB: As suggested by the Vice-Chairman, I am only making a statement. The discussion on thc Bill will continue because it is an important Bill. I also see its importance.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTER I. RE: Incident of Bomb Exposion in a Mosque in Rai Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh on 3rd August, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, according to information received from the Government Of Uttar Pradesh, on 3rd August, 1992 lat about 0800 hours, there was a bomb explosion inside the courtyard of Jama Masjid[1] in Mohalla Chhota Bazar in Rai Bareilly city. As a result, two children aged 10 and 11 years, who were sitting on the 'chabutra' above the basement in the courtyard of the mosque, were killed. In the explosion, a wall and the 'chabutra' in the courtyard were damaged. One girl, aged 20 yelars, who was sitting in the courtyard' in her house adjacant to the mosque was injured; she was discharged from the hospital after first-aid.

An *ex-gratia* amount of Rs. 20,000/-each to the next of the kin of the deceased children and an amount of Rs. 1,000/- to the injured has been announced by the State Government. Arrangements are being macfe to repair the damaged 'chabutra' and the wall of the mosque.

On receipt of thc information, senior officers reached the place of the explosion. The debris was removed from the place of thc explosion to ensure that there were no dead bodies. First Information Report has been lodged[1] by the father of the deceased children.

The State Government Wave informed that for speedy and effective investigation, a team of the Crime Investigation Department has been directed to visit Rai Bareilly. The team will be headed by an officer of the rank of Superintendent Of Police. A strict watch on the situation is being kept by the senior officers, and police is patrolling Rai Bareilly city.

Sir, the U.P. Government has today informed through a fax message that a team of the Crime Investigation Department has already reached Rai Bareilly and started the investigation.

II. Killings by suspected militants in District Pilibhit^ Uttar Pradesh.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, I rise to inform the House about the tragic incident of the killing of 29 persons in the Pili-bhit District of Uttar Pradesh.

According to information received from the State Government, 19 persons from village Ghunghchai, PS Pooranptur, District Pilibhit and 10 \ from village Shivnagiar, PS Gajrau-la. District Pilibhit. had gone to the nearby forest to collect some local wild vegetables on 31st July, 1992, Of these 29 persons, 3 were women. When these persons did not return, the villagers went out to search for them on the 1st of August and when they were unable to find them, they reported the matter to the police.

The police launched' search and combing operations and around midday on 3rd August found the bodies by the side of a small river by the name of Khannaut. The villagers were found with their hands and' feet tied and appear to have died by [1] strangulation. An attempt also app-

[Shri M. M. Jacob] ears to hav$_e$ been made to set the bodies on fire, which however, did not succeed', perhaps ton account of rain.

No group or person has yet claimed responsibility for the killings It is suspected that two or three gangs who are said to be moving in tha area rnlay be respons^e. Polim and para-military forces have launched intensive operations for combing of the entire area which is densely forested and is about 8 km$_s$ from the main road.

The District Magistrate, SP, DIG, Divisiorhl Commissioner and the Zonal IG of Police visited' the site on 3rd August and nearby district have been alerted.

^{rr}j- Chief Minister has visited the area on 4-8-1992 alongwith two ministerial coPeagues and the DGP. Rs. 20.000/- has been paid to each affected family as immediate *exgratia* relief.

The Government of India have allotted! sophisticated fire arms including AK-47 rifles, self-loading rifles, carbin-s, LMGs, pistoV etc.. to the UP Government. The supply may not have met the total requirements of the State Government. H view of overall constraint of availability of weapons at the national, level.

As many as 44 companies of para military forces have been deployed in U.P. We suggested to all the Sta te Governments including U.P. to raise India Reserve {Battalions and have offered that 50 per cent of the initial cost of raising will be fully met by the Government of India as a grant and the remaining 50 per cent exped'iture will be provided as a long-term loan. We have yet to receive a proposal from the U.P. Government.

A. meeting was held by me on 29-2-1992 with the Chief Ministers of the States and tha Governors of Union Territories; which are affected by terrorist activties to chalk out a strategy for combating terrorism. After a fr'ank discussion in the meet ing, certain decisions were taken. A cell has been created in the Home Ministry under $_a$ Special Secretarj and the State Governments/UTs were also requested' to have a cell in theii jurisdiction. A meeting of the con cerned Home Secretaries and Direc tors-General of Police of the States/ UTs was held in the Home Ministry on 28th April, 1992. In this meeting the information and intelligent about terrorists, their activities then *modus operandi* etc. -was up-date; and exchanged[1]. The logistics anc strategy to contain and combat terro rism Was also planned. Thank you

HI. Announcement Re. Arrest an Release of a Member.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA): Hon. Mem bers, I have to inform the Hous that a wire'iess message has been jus received from the SHO, Parliamer Street, New Delhi that Shri Bhupir der Singh Mann, a Member of Raiy Sabha, has been detained at 13.1 hours and released at 15.15 hours tc day on 5-8-92 at Police Station Pal liament Street, New Delhi, undje section 65 of the Delhi Police Ac

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Wh; about clarifications?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI I HANUMANTHAPPA): It has *k* ready been decided to take up tr clarifications tomorrow.

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SHRI N. GIRT PRASAD (Andh Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman. S: eight years after this catastropl took place in Bhopal, we are st discussing how to provide reli [1] That is the state of 'affairs as far Our administration and welfare me